

## House Resolution No. 2686

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me state residents who admirably answer the national call to patriotic service through their enlistment in any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

**Whereas**, the member of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper for pause to recognize these brave individuals; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Billy Vanderpool, of Caruthersville, Missouri, who will be honored on May 29, 2008, during a ceremony to be held at the American Legion Post 88, in Caruthersville, Missouri, when Missouri Vietnam-era veterans will receive the Missouri Vietnam War medal, medallion, and certificate of appreciation; and

**Whereas**, when Missouri Governor Matt Blunt signed HB 978 on June 13, 2006, the “Missouri Vietnam War Medallion Program” was created; and

**Whereas**, the program allows every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975 who was a legal resident of Missouri at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death entitled to receive a Vietnam War Medal, medallion, and certificate of appreciation:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Billy Vanderpool on the auspicious occasion of being among the Missouri Vietnam-era veterans to receive the Missouri Vietnam War Medal, in commemoration of the inestimable service given to this state and to our nation; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Billy Vanderpool, as a measure of our appreciation.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry Swinger  
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2686, adopted May 6, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker